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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Malcolm Wallop, at 7:12 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5632.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year 2012.

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2012.

GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICER REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine general and flag officer requirements, after receiving testimony from Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Vice Admiral William E. Gortney, USN, Director, Joint Staff, General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army, Admiral Mark E. Ferguson III, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy, General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps, and General Philip M. Breedlove, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff,

United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense; and Benjamin J. Freeman, Project on Government Oversight, Washington, D.C.

INSURANCE REGULATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine emerging issues in insurance regulation, after receiving testimony from Baird Webel, Specialist in Financial Economics, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Therese M. Vaughan, National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Washington, D.C.; Mary A. Weiss, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Daniel Schwarcz, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis.

REFINANCING AND RESTRUCTURING MORTGAGE LOANS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine new ideas for refinancing and restructuring mortgage loans, including S. 170, to provide for the affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Isakson; Richard A. Smith, Realtylog Corporation, Parsippany, New Jersey; Mark A. Calabria, Cato Institute, and David H. Stevens, Mortgage Bankers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Ivy Zelman, Zelman and Associates, Beachwood, Ohio; Marcia J. Griffin, HomeFree-USA, Hyattsville, Maryland; Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Anthony B. Sanders, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Fairfax, Virginia; and Christopher J. Mayer, Columbia Business School, New York, New York.

INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine moving intercity passenger rail into the future, after receiving testimony from Joseph C. Szabo, Federal Railroad Administrator, and Mitchell Behm, Assistant Inspector General for Rail, Maritime and Economic Analysis, both of the Department of Transportation; and Joseph H. Boardman, President and CEO, and Ted Alves, Inspector General, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, both of AMTRAK.

TAX REFORM OPTIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform options, focusing on marginal rates on high-income taxpayers, capital gains and dividends, after receiving testimony from Dennis

Mehiel, U.S. Corrugated, Inc., New York, New York; Stephen J. Entin, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, and Bill Rys, National Federation of Independent Business, both of Washington, D.C.; and Leonard E. Burman, Syracuse University Maxwell School, Syracuse, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee began consideration of S. 1546, to authorize certain programs of the Department of Homeland Security, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

SECURING THE PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing the pharmaceutical supply chain, focusing on how the Food and Drug Administration faces challenges overseeing the foreign drug manufacturing supply chain, after receiving testimony from Deborah M. Autor, Deputy Commissioner for Global Regulatory Operations and Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services;

Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Kendra A. Martello, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), Gordon Johnston, Generic Pharmaceutical Association (GPhA), and Allan Coukell, The Pew Charitable Trusts, all of Washington, D.C.; and Martin VanTrieste, Amgen, Thousand Oaks, California, on behalf of Rx-360.

TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine renewing the commitment to victims of human trafficking, including S. 1301, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, after receiving testimony from Mary Lou Leary, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Luis CdeBaca, Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; and Kelly Ryan, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration and Border Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 2910–2934; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79 and H. Con. Res. 78–79, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1070, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to authorize the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–206).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Denham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2011: H.R. 2867, amended, to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998.

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Motion to Proceed: Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 392, Representative Reed moved that the House proceed to consider H.J. Res. 77. The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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Relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 77, relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, as submitted under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code, on August 2, 2011, by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 186 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 706.

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Pursuant to section 3101A(c)(4) of title 31, United States Code, H.J. Res. 77 was considered as read, and the previous question was considered as ordered on the joint resolution to its passage without